

# First Edition of: The RVC Reporter!

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## Violin vs Ukulele

By Hanaleia Lavie



Do you like music? RVC students in Ms. Nina's class, Ms. Katie's class and Ms. Chris's class have two different options for music.

The first option is to learn how to play ensemble. Ensemble is mainly ukulele. They start with ukulele, then they can move to other instruments, such as drums and glockenspiel and guitar. Singing is a big part of it, too. Mr. Josh teaches this class.

The second option is to learn how to play the violin. They learn rhythm and bowing and theory. This class requires practice and patience, but is totally rewarding. Mr. Matej teaches this class.

I asked a few kids from both ukulele and violin about their chosen class.

Thea, fourth grade, takes violin. I asked her a few questions:

**Why did you choose violin?**

*I've been doing ukulele at home for a while now, and I wanted to try violin.*

**What do you like about this class?**

*Mr. Matej is a very nice teacher. It is also the perfect amount of difficulty. Challenging, but not too challenging. (next page)*

*Gratitude Center:*

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## Children's Center Gets Trees Chopped Down

By Isaac Kiptum

The Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center has recently heavily trimmed trees near the building and created 20 feet of defensible space said children's center director, Erik. Defensible space is an area where trees and grass are trimmed. Fire will be slowed because the fire has less fuel. The children's center is located at 199 Porteous Avenue the same place as Deer Park. The trees were too close to the building according to Director Erik. He said it is safer without the trees. There is a big bay tree the kids called "The Living Tree." Sadly "The Living Tree" got cut down. Several kids noticed it was gone. (next page)

## Top Games at Recess

By Lily Rose Johnson and Aysia Grace

At RVC everybody plays games at recess right? Some people play banana tag/chaos tag or basketball. But the most popular game at recess is **Gaga Ball**. But lately there has been trouble. People have not been following the rules. For example, a kid in my class got hit in the eye with the ball and got a bloody nose. The game is most fun when people follow the rules. Here's some more popular games at recess:

**Basketball** is a sport played regularly at Ross Valley Charter. You probably know this. Basketball is not as commonly played as Gaga ball, but is still popular. I myself play basketball about half the time. (I play at either lunch or snack.) You will often see a pack of kids playing and having a great time! In my opinion, basketball is pretty great!!

I love how the top three games played at recess are all so different! One game is in a pit, and you try to hit the ball towards people's legs; basketball is throwing a ball in a hoop; and then there's bananatag. Bananatag is where a group of people run around trying to tag each other. If you get tagged then you sit down. You get back up when the person who tagged you gets tagged. There is almost always a game of it going on during recess. If you see one you are interested in, you are welcome to join!

(Violin vs. Ukelele continued)  
Averi, fifth grade, takes ukulele. I interviewed her as well.

**Why did you choose ukulele?**

*I was excited for all of the singing. I found out that I really like the ukulele playing part, too.*

Okay now for the fun part of this article:

**THE ULTIMATE FACE OFF:**

**WHICH INSTRUMENT IS EASIER TO LEARN? Ukulele is the winner!**

**WHICH INSTRUMENT IS MORE POPULAR TO LEARN IN THE WORLD? Violin wins!**

**WHICH INSTRUMENT IS AWESOME? Both are! TIE!**

**CONSERVATION**

**By Dylan Duchene**

As a school we try to be green, so you should try too.

At Ross Valley Charter we are green in these ways:

- Encouraging students to bring their garbage home.
- Printing 2 - sided when possible.
- Supplying recycling and compost containers in classrooms, food processing areas, and eating areas.

Here are some ways that you can be green:

- Compost and Recycle acceptable items.
- Minimize your use of single use plastic.
- Pack lunch in non single use containers.
- Walk, skateboard, bike, scooter, carpool, take the bus when possible to help keep global warming levels low.

(Children's Center Tree continued) The children's center was create defensible space but the did extra work to make it safer said Erik. fireman Mike said you have to keep your trees trimmed ten feet off the ground and your grass short. Because a grass fire is easier to put out than a tree fire. The trees take more water and energy to put out. fireman Mike said "the trees are like a blow torch."

**Book Interview!**

**By Ada Nichols**

I interviewed my friend, Clover Paul, on her favorite book. This is what she said; "I liked Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban because it is an adventurous book. It is also magical and magic is like my favorite thing. The fourth book in the Harry Potter series Harry returns for his fourth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, along with his friends, Ron and Hermione. There is an upcoming tournament between the three major schools of magic, with one participant selected from each school by the Goblet of Fire. When Harry's name is drawn, even though he is not eligible and is a fourth player, he must compete in the dangerous contest. It's a fun story but also a dangerous one."

**Coming Events:  
Halloween Pumpkin  
Carving and Parade:  
Oct. 31!**

**And our much anticipated  
Gratitude Feast:  
Nov. 21!**

**Staff Spotlight:  
Director Luke Duchene**

**Interview by Julian Silver**

**What made you come to this school?**

"I was looking to be at a school that fit my vision for how a school should be for kids."

**What is it like being Director?**

"It is many things. It's a lot of fun, and it's also really hard because I have a lot of work to do but I also get to work with kids who are creative and fun and funny and do all sorts of interesting things."

**What is happening in the future of this school?**

"What's happening in the future of the school is we're going to be growing to have nine total classrooms. We'll have three K/1s and three 2 / 3s and three 4 / 5s. And some parents are asking about whether or not we should add a middle school. We don't know if we will. We're going to be talking about it."

**Do you have any plans to do any trailheads or anything for the yard?**

"I would like to have grass or turf on the blacktop and also to create an area up on the hill to put maybe an amphitheater or a trailhead for hikes to start from."

**How is our school different?**

"Our school is different because I think that everybody here is kind of like family, where the kids and the teachers know each other really well and the parents and the teachers know each other really well, and we all work together to make sure that we have a school that is the best that we can for kids."

# How to Build Bottle Rockets

By Isaiah Nabatian

Bottle rockets are a very good activity for your home. They release pressure and shoot up in the air. They go very fast and high. Here are the parts you need to build it:

A plastic 3-liter soda bottle, water, a cork, a bike pump, a needle, a responsible grown up to help, and duct tape.

How to build:

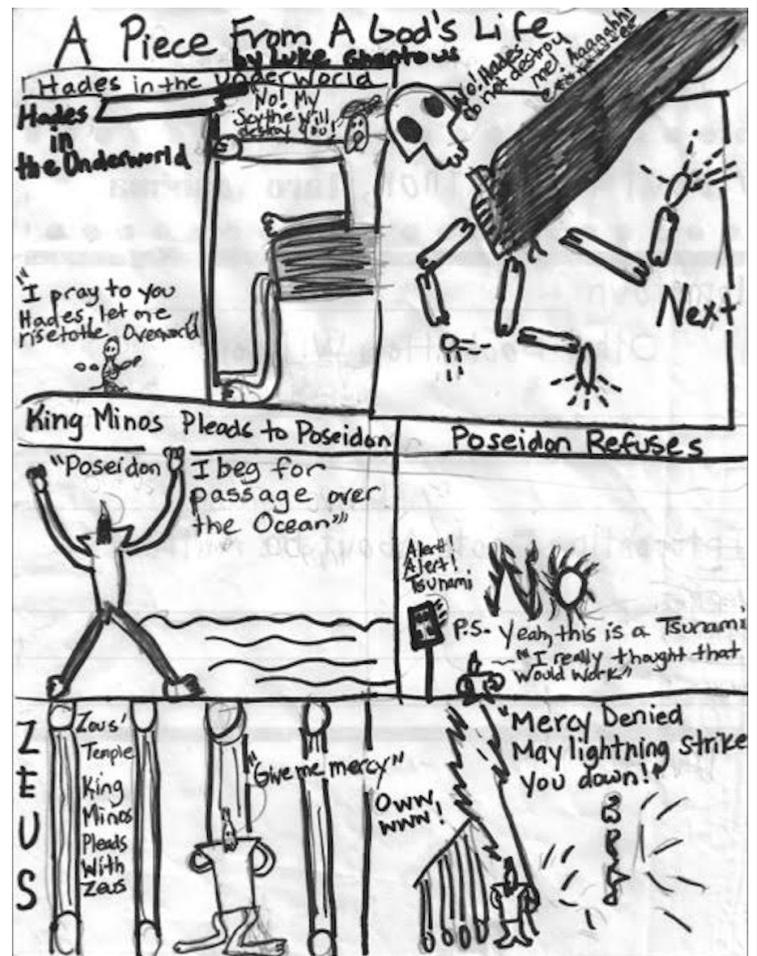
Pour 1 liter of water into the soda bottle. Then get your cork, and poke a small hole the long way through it with the needle. Stick the cork in the bottle. Then, duct tape the end of the bike pump to the hole. **Make sure the tape is completely air tight.**

Then set up the bottle with the cork facing down, then step back and pump. The rocket will shoot up after a few pumps. For decoration, add cardboard fins and nose cones.



Safety:

Keep the bottle far away from your face and other people when preparing for take off.



Comic by Luke Ghanous

## And now for a story....

## The Cage

By Katarina Beare

The tiger was patient waiting for the cattle to lay down, waiting for the perfect moment to strike. Finally his opportunity arrived. He gathered all his focus and started to walk towards the cattle. He was silent, the cattle couldn't hear him, the cattle wouldn't hear him. He decided to make his move. He summoned all of his strength and pounced.

### One hour later

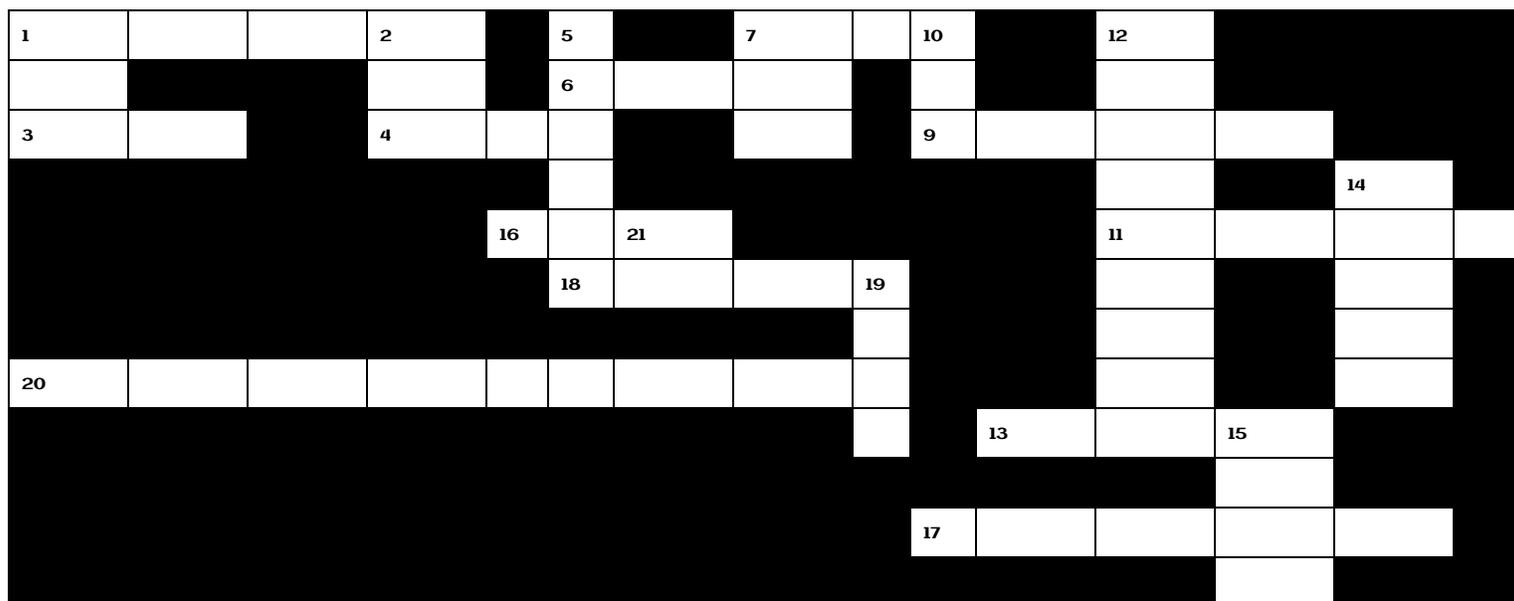
The tiger emerged out of the bushes and made his way to a giant rock up ahead. He looked up at it, yawned, and with a full stomach started to climb. Finally, he reached the top and laid down in the sun. He drifted off into a deep slumber.

Barking. Loud barking. It was getting closer and... He woke up, panting heavily. He jumped in disbelief, it wasn't just a dream! They were there, right there at the bottom of the rock. Two lean doberman dogs were staring up at him and growling. This is why he had slept on the rock. Last time he hunted the farmers livestock the farmer sent the same two dogs after him. He had woken up to the feeling of slobber dripping on him. As soon as he realized what was happening, he ran. Thankfully he managed to get away that time, but it was still a scarring experience, considering he wasn't even full grown yet.

He stood there, thoughts racing through his mind, trapped on top of the boulder.

**To be continued...**

# CROSSWORD!



## Across:

- 1: It was a \_\_\_\_ and stormy night!
- 3: Green light, yay! I get to \_\_!
- 4: Not night...
- 6: I have had it for sooo long! It is so \_\_\_\_!
- 7: Insect... tiny... SOOO many...!
- 9: My \_\_\_\_ is Person, The Date is Today
- 11: What is the \_\_\_\_? It is 11:30!!
- 13: How long you have been alive!
- 17: Music! La La La!!
- 16: Fast moving
- 18: Something lengthy is also \_\_\_\_.
- 20: "Come, follow, follow, follow"

## Down:

- 1: They lick your face
- 2: Child
- 5: Full of happiness
- 7: +
- 10: 8, 9, \_\_, 11
- 12: Not nothing
- 14: Picture
- 15: Scrambled or hard boiled
- 19: Barnyard animal. "billy\_\_"
- 21: Definitely not!!

By Aysia Grace

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*"And in the meanwhile don't forget to recycle this newspaper!" Dylan Duchene*